

Families First in Numbers
Updated Information from July 2005

Current number of Assistance Groups: 70,055

Current number of adults: 53,336

Current number of children: 132,915

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,055

Closures in July:

total closures: 4,930

closures for 18 month time limits: 189

closures for sanctions: 1104

work-related sanctions: 1048

other sanctions: 56

closures for employment: 906

Time limit closures since Families First started: 11,764

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 10,670

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$676.92

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$170.18

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases that close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.